[*Note*.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" I have to announce that to-day being Friday, the House will rise at 1 o'clock and resume at 3 o'clock. The House will adjourn at 4-30 p.m. instead of 5 p.m.

" To-morrow the House will meet at 12 noon instead of 11 a.m. and sit till 5 p.m. as usual."

III.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* GRANT OF YARN LICENCES

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Sir, under rule 36 of the Council Rules, I have given notice of an adjournment motion to discuss to-day a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the unsatisfactory action of the Government—

(1) In totally upsetting the recommendations of the local legislators in the districts with regard to the grant of wholesale licences and retail licences in cloth and yarn,

(2) in granting licences to persons not solvent enough and totally unconnected with trade or cloth trade in particular and in some cases to those who have not even applied and the required deposit not having been paid in time,

(3) in removing solvent and capable merchants, against whom there was no black record, from the list,

(4) in appointing outsiders who were not recommended either by the Collector or by the local legislators, and

(5) failure to retain old trade channels to the extent of 66 2/3 per cent as announced by the Government."

DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" I have not admitted the adjournment motion. Just as I was coming to this Chamber this morning, the notice was handed over to me. I am sorry I cannot give permission to the hon. Member to-day to move the motion."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" I applied to my Leader for permission to move the motion, but he refused to grant the permission. As a member of the Congress Party, I am bound by his decision."

DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" As the motion has not been admitted, the hon. Member cannot move it at all and it is out of order."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Sir, as the hon. Member referred to the Leader, I, as the Leader of the House, wish to inform the House that he handed over to me a copy of the adjournment motion just as the House was about to begin its sitting this morning and asked for permission to move it. I went into the whole question and consulted the Minister concerned. The Minister gave the reasons why he could not accept the motion.

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I communicated the result to the hon. Member and said that I could not permit him to move the motion. That is all that I have got to say with regard to this motion."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Sir, I do not wish to intervene in this domestic quarrel."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" There is no domestic quarrel. It is all a matter concerning the procedure in the House. I want to assure Dr. John that we have no domestic quarrel as such in this House. We all have differences of opinion, and every member is entitled to give free expression to his opinion. Since the hon. Member mentioned that he sought my permission, I informed as to what had happened so that the members might know it."

DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" The House will resume discussion of the Zamindari Bill."

GOVERNMENT BILLS.

IV.—THE MADRAS ESTATES (REPEAL AND CONVERSION INTO RYOTWARI) BILL, 1947 (L.A. BILL No. 37 OF 1947)—*cont.*

* SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Mr. Deputy President, Sir, as I sat listening to the speech of the Hon. Minister for Land Revenue, who was good enough to explain the provisions of the Bill as introduced, as amended in the Select Committee and as adopted in the Legislative Assembly, I could not help feeling that between the date of introduction and the date on which the Select Committee Report was signed, he had fallen victim to a number of influences which, if he had been wise, he could have avoided. The original Bill contained only twenty-five clauses and proceeded on principles which have been modified considerably by the report of the Select Committee and to some extent by the proceedings of the Assembly."

11-45 a.m. THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO :—" I would like to know what the principles are that have been modified."

* SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Sir, if you read the clause relating to the main principles of the Bill as passed by the Select Committee, you will find the following in clause 1 (3) :—

> '*It applies to all estates as defined in section 3, clause (2) of the Madras Estates Land Act, 1908.*'

Let us read it as it is passed by the Assembly, which runs as follows :—

> '*It applies to all estates as defined in section 3, clause (2) of the Madras Estates Land Act, 1908, except inam villages which became estates by virtue of the Madras Estates Land (Third Amendment) Act, 1936.*'"